

## OPINION 909

RECEPTACULITES DESHAYES, 1828 (RECEPTACULITIDS):  
VALIDATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Receptacules* Defrance, 1827, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Receptaculites* Deshayes, 1828 (gender: masculine), type-species, by subsequent monotypy (Blainville, 1830), *Receptacules neptuni* Defrance, 1827, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1894.

(3) The specific name *neptuni* Defrance, 1827, as published in the binomen *Receptacules neptuni* (type-species of *Receptaculites* Deshayes, 1828) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 2370.

(4) The generic name *Receptacules* Defrance, 1827 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1965.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1787)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission in December 1966, by Dr. M. H. Nitecki. The application was sent to the printer on 10 January 1967 and was published on 27 April 1967 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 119–120. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184). No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 3 April 1969 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (69)21 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 120. At the close of the prescribed Voting Period on 3 July 1969 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes—nineteen (19), received in the following order: Holthuis, China, Evans, Simpson, Vokes, Obruchev, Mayr, Melville, Brinck, Bonnet, do Amaral, Jaczewski, Sabrosky, Forest, Uchida, Starobogatov, Ride, Mertens, Binder.

Negative Votes—one (1): Lemche.

On Leave of Absence—two (2): Munroe, Tortonese.

Commissioners Kraus and Alvarado returned late affirmative votes.

Commissioner Eisenmann abstained from voting.

In returning his vote, Commissioner Obruchev made the following comment: "Although voting for this proposal, I still consider that it would be preferable to validate *Receptaculites* as a justified emendation of *Receptacules*, and to cite it, like *Polyxenus*, with the original author and date, Defrance, 1827, as many authors are doing."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on the Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*neptuni*, *Receptacules*, DeFrance, 1827, *Dict. Sci. nat.* **45** : 7

*Receptaculites* Deshayes, 1828, *Dict. class. Hist. nat.* **14** : 486

*Receptacules* DeFrance, 1827, *Dict. Sci. nat.* **45** : 7.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (69)21 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 909.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

W. E. CHINA

Assistant Secretary

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